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*My Very Dear Friends - Shalom ,*

**In the spirit of the Seder** - the night of family, heritage, continuity and storytelling – I wish to share with you a real life story that is all about that. Meyer (right), a 38 year old graduate, employed by an engineering company, lives happily in Tiberias with his wife, and their three lovely children (In picture). In the face of disheartening occurrences marked by prejudice, Meyer's story was featured publicly as an example of the opposite. Remarking about it, he said: "There is nothing special about it. I was raised at Yemin Orde with Ethiopian 'brothers' and 'sisters', so it was only natural for me to have an Ethiopian son..." Little Abraham joined the family when he was only two weeks old. Doesn't it all begin and end with education?...



**Our People's Exodus** is in fact eternal, recurring to this day. The three youngsters in the picture (left to right: Joshua, Joseph and Edan), left Manipur, North-Eastern India to begin a new life at Kfar Hassidim, our affiliate Village. They belong to a small community that traces itself to the lost tribes of Israel. Their arrival reaffirms to me the prophetic promise about Jewish endurance, which lives on against all odds.

**Such is the story of Yoav Cohen** (right), who came to us from Brazil, following the roots of his Israeli father. His grandma, who lost her son in the far reaches of South America has now regained a 15 year old grandson, who loves her and visits her in his spare time while building up his future in our Village.



Turn Over



**"Education CAN lead society!"** This Yemin Orde motto came to life again recently when Gen. Ornah Barbivaii, the first female IDF General, in charge of military manpower, came to seek out the secret behind our leadership program's proven success with immigrant youth. She spoke at length about her personal path, inspiring women in uniform to

"break the glass ceiling". In turn, she carefully listened to our youngsters' own struggles and insights, on their way to make a difference for themselves and for the country.



**Dean Kathleen McCartney** of the Harvard School of Education took a back seat at the Village school, observing our young immigrants learning their third language – English. The challenge of an entire African Jewish community to close the gap to the 21<sup>st</sup> century is indeed not a simple task, and involves ups and downs. The 16 year old at the forefront, definitely exemplifies the meaning of his name as given in mother tongue: Worakat. Meaning: the opening of a pure, new leaf in life...

*As new spring leaves  
make their appearance  
around on our hilltop, we*

*send you our love, gratitude and good wishes for spiritual  
renewal– which are truly the blessings of the holiday of  
Pesach.*

*as ever - Chaim Peiri*  
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